AN HON. MEMBER: The Minister is not answering the questions, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*... He is not answering the questions.

...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल : महोदय, मेरा जो पूरक है, उसका पूरा उत्तर उन्होंने नहीं दिया।

श्री सभापति : आप सवाल पूछ चुके हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल : सरकार ने मूल उत्तर से, सप्लीमैंटरी से गुमराह किया है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, he cannot answer the questions. ...*(Interruptions)*... He is not answering. Sir, this is very unfair.

...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री शरद यादव : महोदय, जो सवाल पूछा गया था, आपने चतुराई से टाला है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over. I am afraid so!

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Secretive purchase of land along Pakistan border in Rajasthan

†*263. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media reports in which it has been mentioned that the land of certain areas of Rajasthan along Pakistan border has been purchased by some unknown persons in a secretive manner;

(b) if so, the information available with Government in this regard; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI) (a) to (c) Government is aware that large scale land transactions over the last five years have taken place in the border areas of Rajasthan. The State Government of Rajasthan have informed that they have initiated a detailed enquiry into these transactions with the intention of identifying the purchasers and ascertaining the motives behind such transactions. Preliminary enquiries indicate that lands have also been purchased by many parties from places other than Rajasthan. While speculation linked to expectations about improved highway connectivity, new projects of irrigation and prospects of oil and gas finds may be a factor for accelerated investment in land in these areas, a definite conclusion/ analysis will be possible only after completion of the detailed enquiry being undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan with the support of the Central Government agencies. A high level review on the subject matter has also been held in the Ministry of Home affairs and the issue is being closely monitored in coordination with the State Government, from time to time.

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